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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 3, 5-6, 8-18, 21, 23, 33-37, 39, 40, 43-45, 47, 50-54, 59-62, 64, 68-74, 76-80, 82-85, 87-89, 94-96, and 98-100 before calculating the filing fee for this application.

REMARKS

The Applicants have canceled claims solely to minimize the filing fee for the application prior to a possible restriction requirement. The Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to the same subject matter in this application and/or pursue such claims in related applications, such as divisional or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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